

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Susitna Elementary School - Library Books and Supplies

**State Funding Requested: \$ 5,000****House District: 19 - J**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Support to purchase paperback books for each classroom.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$5,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Susitna Elementary has approximately 45% of students enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program. Many of the students do not have access to appropriate reading materials at home. These books will be on loan from the classroom teacher who will help guide the students to bring home books at their reading level to practice reading.

**Project Timeline:**

Funds will be expended for the duration of the grant.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Susitna Elementary School

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## George Ascott

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**From:** Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2007 10:48 AM  
**To:** Amy Brabec  
**Cc:** George Ascott  
**Subject:** RE: education grant proposal

Hi Amy,

Thank you very much for your email. I think the reading initiative is a great idea, as are the document cameras. This year we have managed to get \$40,000 for Susitna Elementary in the Senate Capitol budget for some repair work, and some money for all the other schools in the district. As you know, we are in the last day of session, and we've already voted on the budget on the Senate side. I'm afraid it will be impossible to get this funding in this year's budget. However, I will be happy to try to get your requested funding next year.

Thanks again for writing.

Warm regards,  
Bill

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Brabec [mailto:ajbarvenik@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2007 11:26 PM  
**To:** Sen. Bill Wielechowski  
**Cc:** wieneke\_paul@asdk12.org  
**Subject:** education grant proposal

Dear Mr. Wielechowski,

I am a teacher librarian at Susitna Elementary School in Anchorage. I began a school-wide reading initiative program at our K-6 school this year. The program promoted reading at home with incentives, such as prizes each month for certain number of pages read and our principal, Mr. Wieneke, going in the dunk tank if we reached 1,000,000 pages - which we did!

When I asked students what they needed to be more successful in our reading program, they said that they needed books at home to read, more than the books that they checked out from the library. Susitna Elementary has approximately 45% of students who are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program. Many students do not have appropriate reading materials at home.

I would like support to purchase paperback books for each classroom, kindergarten through fifth grade. These books will be on loan from the classroom teacher who will help guide the students to bring home books at their reading level to practice reading at home.

With over 1,000 books and other organizational materials to begin this program, I am asking for a \$5000.00 grant to support our students' reading.

I know that this is a very busy and important time for you. I want to thank you, in advance, for your support in instilling the love of reading in our students.

Also, as a school, Susitna is trying to promote the use of technology in our classrooms

and are in desperate need for document cameras. We would appreciate you considering another \$5000.00 grant to purchase document cameras for our teachers and help promote technology in the classroom.

Yours respectfully,

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March 5, 2008

To the Honorable Senator Bill Wielechowski:

I am requesting on behalf of Susitna's PTA to support the following programs in our school:

**Technology through Classroom Support:**

As a school, it is PTA's goal to support our teaching and our students' learning through technology. We would like a document camera for every classroom. The document camera supports teaching through being able to share students' work while the students are able to explain their thinking. The cameras also support teachers using the countless resources on the web to support the curriculum and students' learning.

We are asking for \$20,000 to support the document cameras in each classroom at Susitna. According to the ASD Approved Technology List, a Lumens BC 155 GA Document Camera would be approximately \$800 each. There are also certain cables and connections that are needed to ensure compatibility with our current computer equipment.

**'Susitna Reads!' and Susitna Elementary Library:**

'Susitna Reads!' is a multi-faceted school-wide reading program. It supports reading at school and at home. We encourage the students with incentives. We provide grade-level books for classroom teachers to send home with students to be able to improve their reading levels while encouraging a partnership between home and school. With this increase in the love of reading, we are in need of improving our collection in the library with books that are grade and reading level appropriate.

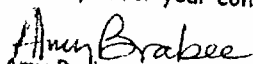
With this reading program, the students are more motivated and interested in coming to the library outside of their library class. They are invited and encouraged to come to the library for multiple reasons. The library is becoming the 'heart' of Susitna. There is a need for appropriate furniture in the library for elementary students. The furniture will provide learning areas to individuals, small groups, or a whole class while the library is in use with library classes.

We are asking for \$15,000 for the reading and library program: \$5000 for library books and grade-level books for home/school reading and \$10,000 to provide a safe and age-appropriate learning environment in the library. There is a need for 50 chairs at approximately \$100 per chair and for 12 tables at approximately \$500.

Our PTA supports these programs to the best of their abilities. They need support from you to help support Susitna's students, staff, and families. They are willing to take part in a matching grant if you are able to support these programs through our PTA.

With support for both of these programs, we will be teaming together in molding future productive citizens for Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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